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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The reply filed on March 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant failed to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

The previous election requirement is completely proper and confirms to all requirement found the MPEP, 37 CFR and 35 UCS. To aid the applicant, the examiner has further reviewed the claims and believes that the following claims read the listed species.

Species I: figs 1A-1B→ claims 1 and 6

Species II: figs 2A-2B→claim 2

Species III: figs 3A-3B→claims 1, 2, 6, 9 and 10

Species IV: figs 4A-4B→claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10

Species V: figs 5→claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11

Species VI: figs 6A-6B→claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12

Species VII: figs 7A-7B→claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11

Species VIII: figs 8A-8B→claim 13


Note: claims 14 and 15 appear not to read on any of the Species

Since the above-mentioned reply appears not to be *bona fide* to further prosecution, applicant is period for response continues to run from the mailing the the last office letter (12-31-03)

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